

**1. Rejection of Claims 7-12 Under 35 U.S.C. §103 Over Page in View of Perlman.**

The Examiner has rejected claims 7-12 as obvious over Page et al in view of Perlman et al. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. In particular, claims 7-12 require the steps of

sending, by a plurality of host computers belonging to a first message group, messages to said server . . . , said messages containing a payload portion . . . ;

aggregating, by said server in a time interval determined in accordance with a predefined criterion, said payload portions of said messages to create an aggregated payload;

forming an aggregated message using said aggregated payload . . .

Page does not teach these claim elements. In particular, Page teaches a service broker that manages service requests and responsive services communicated between servers and clients. Page teaches three modes of communication: message processing, conversational communication, and remote procedure call.

None of Page's modes of communication aggregate payloads of messages into an aggregated payload where the payloads are being sent from a plurality of host computers. See Page, e.g. Col. 5, line 38 - Col. 6, line 68. None of Page's other features relate to aggregating payloads of messages being sent from a plurality of host computers.

The cleanup manager identified by the Examiner is a part of the service broker. The clean-up manager processes timeouts that have occurred. Please see Page, Col. 25, line 48 - Col. 27, line 42. It does not aggregate payloads of network messages. It recovers entries in various tables of the service broker for reuse. Please see Col. 27, lines 10-12.

Perlman does not overcome this deficiency of Page. Perlman involves a device that couples segments of an extended local area network such that messages that employ "inter-network protocols" will be handled without the difficulties usually associated with bridges and without the complexity and expense of full IP routers. Perlman does not teach aggregating payloads of messages.

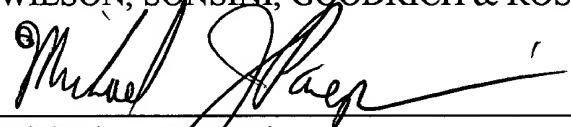
Accordingly, the combination of Page and Perlman does not teach the inventions of claims 7-12.

2. **Conclusion**

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment required by this Preliminary Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Our Docket No. 16227.703). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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